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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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USDEL MTN GENEVA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, MTN, DR

SUBJ: GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON US AUTOMOBILE EXPORTS TO DR

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 3974

1. CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR PERICHE ADVISES US THAT, BECAUSE OF AN ANTICIPATED LARGE BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS DEFICIT THIS YEAR, GODR MAY HAVE TO UNDERTAKE NEW RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT ONE ITEM RAISED WITH DOMINICANS IN GENEVA TRADE TALKS LAST YEAR WAS RESTRICTED ON IMPORTATION OF US AUTOMOBILES.

2. SINCE EMBASSY MAY BE IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE THE WAY IN WHICH ANY NEW IMPORT REGULATIONS OR INSTRUCTIONS ARE DRAWN UP, IT WOULD APPRECIATE VERY MUCH RECEIVING ASAP SUGGESTIONS OR GUIDANCE ON THE SUBJECT. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON US AUTOMOBILE EXPORTERS' EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH DR AND NATURE OF REPRESENTATIONS ON US AUTOMOBILES MADE LAST YEAR IN GENEVA.

3. EMBASSY WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S
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THINKING IN REGARD TO THE TYPE OF IMPORT DUTIES, WHETHER BASED

ON VALUE, HORSEPOWER, NUMBER OF CYLINDERS, VOLUME OF CYLINDERS,
OR WHEEL BASE, WHICH WOULD BE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS FOR US AUTO-
MOBILES IN COMPETING AGAINST OTHERS.

4. AT PRESENT AUTOMOBILES OF A VALUE UP TO DOLS US 3,000 (F.O.B.ML
ARE TAXED AT A RATE OF 104 PERCENT AD VALOREM, AND FOR AUTOMOBILES
VALUED ABOVE DOLS US 3,000 (F.O.B.), THE DUTY IS 124.8 PERCENT
AD VALOREM. SINCE NO OFFICIAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE (AT THE RATE OF
RD DOLS 1.00 TO US DOLS 1.00) IS AVAILABLE FOR AUTOMOBILE IMPORTS,
ALL AUTOMOBILES HAVE TO BE IMPORTED WITH FOREIGN EXCHANGE HELD
ABROAD OR WITH DOLLARS PURCHASED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET AT
THE CURRENT RATE OF APPROXIMATELY RD DOLS 1.19 TO US DOLS 1.00.
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